

# Biography

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION



## **STEVE JOHNSON**

Senior Vice President and Colorado River Storage Project  
Management Center Manager  
Western Area Power Administration

Steve Johnson was named Senior Vice President and Colorado River Storage Project Manager Center manager in January 2018. Johnson leads all power marketing and operations activities for CRSP MC in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Energy Management and Marketing Office in Montrose, Colorado. The 42 employees at CRSP MC manage the sale, purchase, wheeling, interchange and transmission of energy between 15 customers and other utilities in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Previously, Johnson was the EMMO Manager in Montrose. Johnson joined WAPA and federal service in 2000 as a power system dispatcher. He began his electric industry career in 1996 as an apprentice operator at Hetch Hetchy Water and Power near his hometown of Sonora, California.

The CRSP MC markets power from the Colorado River Storage Project and its participating projects (Dolores and Seedskadee) and the Collbran and Rio Grande projects. Generation resources are provided by 11 power plants in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming and are marketed together as Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects. CRSP staff also market power from the Provo River Project in Utah and the Falcon-Amistad Project in Texas. CRSP transmission facilities are located in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

CRSP MC plays an important role in protecting environmental resources around Glen Canyon Dam, representing hydropower interests and funding scientific studies for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. CRSP MC also implemented measures from the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Record of Decision in 2017.

Johnson has extensive experience in real-time operations, including hydroelectric power plant operations, transmission operations, energy scheduling and accounting, balancing area operations and reliability coordination. Johnson has held a North American Electric Reliability Corporation system operator certification since 2000, becoming certified at the Reliability Coordinator level in 2005.